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Halifax police take bite out of crime

► Homicides and attempted murders way up in 2011, but most other crimes see decrease ► Police won't speak about statistics until after they're tabled at today's police-commission meeting



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It may be hard for some to believe, but despite a record-breaking homicide total, crime was down in HRM in 2011.

The year-end statistics will be presented at the police commission meeting on Monday, and they make for an interesting read.

At 18, the homicides in 2011 increased 64 per cent compared to the 11 in 2010. Attempted murders were also up from the previous year — 68 per cent. But after that, the numbers start falling. Assaults were down almost two per cent, and other crimes committed against people were down 20 per cent.

Property crimes were down by 12 per cent, and prostitution showed one of the most dramatic changes — dropping over 40 per cent.

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Crime on the map

The areas in HRM that are seeing the most crime.

- **Halifax Regional Police:** Halifax Central had 38 per cent of the crime, followed closely by Halifax East at 36 per cent.
- **Halifax RCMP:** Lower Sackville saw the most crime with 43 per cent of all crime in RCMP districts. Second place was Cole Harbour at 31 per cent.

tions were down about 11 per cent for the year.

Coun. Sue Uteck, a member of HRM's police commission, said she's looking to discuss a new public-communication strategy at the meeting.

"We need to change that perception that Halifax is a dangerous place," she said.

But there have been serious incidents in HRM which call for some careful examination, Uteck



► Police tape surrounds a Cole Harbour home last April.

added.

Last year's crime rate may be down from 2010, but 2010 was an unusual year.

The 2010 crime rate went up — the first time in five years — by four per cent, driven by a rise in property crime.

Coun. Jim Smith's idea of a community-member task force is also on the agenda for Monday's meeting. He wants a task force to look at the root causes of crime in the municipality and come back to council with several recommendations.

► Adele waves on the red carpet prior to the 54th annual Grammy Awards at the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday. It was a big night for the British singer, who walked away with six awards, including record of the year. For more, see page 14.

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Adele wins big at Grammys

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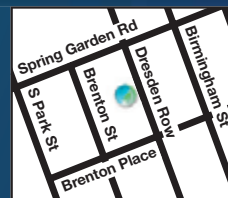


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Transit, water workers rally downtown

► About 80 people show 'solidarity' for striking transit workers, Halifax water employees ► MP Megan Leslie joins crowd to sing union chants



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At eight feet tall, the effigy of Mayor Peter Kelly is hardly life-sized. But its creator, Sebastien Labelle, said it suits him perfectly.

Labelle, with the artists group Puppets Etc., said the behemoth made of papier mâché and cardboard was constructed as a generic politician puppet, but it has seen a lot of action lately as Kelly.

Labelle and friends used the puppet to put on a skit making fun of a council meeting during a union rally on the icy cold steps of Grand Parade on Sunday afternoon.

"It's a bit of farce, but it's inspired by the farce that's happening in council itself," Labelle said. "It's to help raise spirits, as well for those who have been on strike for a while now, and we know it's a difficult thing, so sometimes a little laughter can help with morale."

Several unions were represented at the titled "solidarity rally" for Halifax Water employees and the striking transit workers. Most prominent was the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, which represents the transit employees, and Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 227, representing Halifax Regional Water



► Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508 president Ken Wilson speaks at a rally at Grand Parade on Sunday afternoon as a effigy of Peter Kelly looms behind him.

12 The number of days into the Halifax transit strike.

Commission workers.

"Rallies like this are important for two reasons: the media comes out and shows the public we're still strong, and it also shows our members we're still strong," said Shane

O'Leary, vice-president of ATU Local 508.

Transit workers and water workers aren't "joining forces," he added, but they are supporting each other.

"Their ambitions are different from ours and we can't tie into them, but we do support them 100 per cent in their job action," said O'Leary.

Richard Masters, vice-

president of CUPE Local 227, said the 225 water workers can go on strike on 48 hours notice, but they're not there yet.

"We're still trying to talk to the employer and hoping they'll see some reason and come back to the table," Masters said. "We can't wait forever. We've been without a contract since 2008."

'Nothing left to reach out to': Union head

It's anyone's guess on when Metro Transit and the union representing over 700 striking transit workers might sit down and talk again. Ken Wilson, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, said on Sunday neither side has made contact with the other since negotiations broke down last Thursday.

"I got nothing left to reach out to," Wilson said. "I removed all proposals off the table. The only thing we have left on the table is wages."

"This has never been about money," he then added. "This is about protecting a quality of life with the things that we've had ... for decades."

Wilson wouldn't speculate on when the two sides might talk again, but said he's willing to go if asked.

"But the conciliator said after 20 hours at the table (last week), if the employer is not going to move off of rostering, and we are not going to take rostering, there is no sense sitting here looking at each other."

HRM spokeswoman Shaune MacKinlay said in an email Sunday they "continue to be open to discussions" but no negotiations are planned.

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Cops seize items from home in Peacock case

Police say several items were seized from a house in Centre Rawdon relating to the missing-person case of Melissa Dawn Peacock.

Investigators began searching the home on Thursday afternoon and wrapped up on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Peacock, a 20-year-old Dartmouth woman, hasn't been seen or heard from since Nov. 8.

"All I can confirm is that

during the ongoing investigation into her disappearance, information and evidence was gathered that resulted in us executing a search warrant at that residence on Douglas Road," RCMP spokeswoman Sgt. Brigdit Leger said on Sunday.

"Items were seized during the search and they've been sent for more information."

Peacock was last seen in

Staying connected

Peacock is known to take off for periods at a time, but her family says she always kept in touch.

the Sackville-Beaver Bank area in the late-evening hours of Nov. 7, with police believing she was in a vehicle travelling outbound from the Sackville area on Highway 354 just

after midnight on Nov. 8. Her last known whereabouts is the area of Gore, also in the early morning hours of Nov. 8.

"This is still very much a missing-persons investigation," Leger said. "However, we certainly recognize that due to the fact Melissa has not been active on social media, she hasn't been in touch with her family or friends ... we have to recognize the po-



► Melissa Dawn Peacock

tential that Melissa has met with foul play."

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► Jerry Seinfeld

Seinfeld coming to Halifax

WORLD TOUR. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld returns to Halifax on April 14 for a performance at the Metro Centre.

Seinfeld — best known for his eponymous show that was named by TV Guide as the best sitcom of all time — last performed in Nova Scotia on Dec. 2 at Sydney's Centre 200.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday and are available through Ticket

Atlantic. ● METRO

Police seek armed intruder

BREAK-IN. Halifax police are investigating after a man reportedly broke into a home armed with a handgun. Police say they were called at about 4:30 a.m. on Sunday after another man broke into a house on Lakecrest Drive in Dartmouth. Police say the homeowner fought with the intruder and was able to wrestle the firearm from him.

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Strike averted at city paper

VOTE PENDING. A tentative contract deal has been reached between newsroom staff and management of the Chronicle Herald. The deal must still be ratified by the Halifax Typographical Union, CBC reports. ● METRO

PC leader quizzed about making Halifax Tory blue

► Party has no seats in HRM ► Must choose electable candidates: Baillie

Ferry dust

► Other party members brought up the need to reinstate the Yarmouth ferry service, which Jamie Baillie referred to as the "Nova Scotia ferry that docks in Yarmouth."

Improving Tory fortunes in Halifax was on the minds of Nova Scotia Progressive Conservatives on Sunday as they quizzed their leader about how he plans to win more seats in the vote-rich provincial capital.

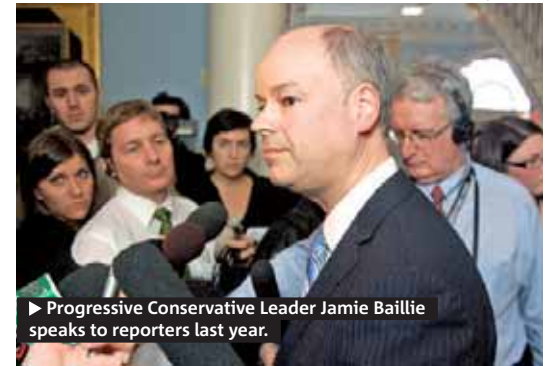
It was among a number of questions Jamie Baillie fielded at a question-and-answer session at the close of the party's annual meeting.

The Halifax Regional Municipality is a political desert for the Tories. Some electoral districts, such as Halifax Chebucto and Halifax Needham, have not seen Tory blue in more than 20 years.

Baillie told the crowd at the Harbourfront Marriott Hotel that the solution starts with putting great

candidates forward. He said it's important to address local issues such as taking advantage of the federal shipbuilding contract that is coming to the city.

"The development of business, the growth of our tax base ... I believe the PC party is talking about issues that are important to HRM," Baillie said after the event. "That's why we're seeing a greater interest within HRM."



► Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie speaks to reporters last year.

Baillie was also asked about the government's recent 1.3 per cent funding cut to the province's eight school boards. Baillie says he wants to see cuts to the education bureaucracy rather than reducing funding to school boards.

"I happen to believe, as someone who wants to balance the budget as much as anyone, that the last place to go is to our classrooms and that's the opposite of what the NDP government is doing." ● ALY THOMSON/WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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School boards to face axe yet again

► Cuts range from low of 0.9 per cent for Annapolis and Halifax school boards to high of 2.1 per cent for South Shore, Strait and Cape Breton boards

Nova Scotia's eight school boards will see an overall funding cut of 1.3 per cent in the 2012-13 fiscal year because of a continuing decline in enrolment, Education Minister Ramona Jennex said Friday.

The \$13.4-million cut follows a \$17.6-million reduction in funding last year. Officials with the Education Department said the latest decrease could result in larger class sizes and will mean fewer teaching positions.

Jennex said the cuts were unavoidable because enrolment is expected to drop this year by more than 2,200 students or 1.7

Special ed



Education Minister Ramona Jennex said the province will increase the funding allocation for special education by \$12.2 million and boards will ensure students are matched with the appropriate support staff.

per cent.

"There's no need to have a teacher where

there is no class," Jennex said, "and that's the unfortunate reality and challenge we have here in Nova Scotia."

She said most job cuts would be done through attrition. The Education Department said no permanent teachers were laid off as a result of last year's cut, although 350 teaching positions were lost across the province, mainly through attrition.

Alexis Allen, president of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, said the cut announced Friday means another 300 to 350 positions are in jeopardy.

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► Faculty at Dalhousie University will be taking a strike vote today as they continue to try and hammer out a new contract with the school's board of governors.

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Dalhousie faculty to vote on strike

Anthony Stewart, president of the school's faculty association, said the vote is necessary because of a lack of progress in several key issues, including pensions. The two sides have been in contract talks for the past 10 months.

Getting a bird's-eye view

► Weekend event to promote Great Backyard Bird Count

Lilian Hougan-Veenema is no stranger to bird watching, but her eyes still lit up as she watched a bald eagle fly over Halifax Harbour on Saturday.

The seven-year-old and her father, Glen Hougan, made the trek up to the roof of the Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market to try to spot a few feathered creatures.

"They are really cute," said Hougan-Veenema of the eagle.

"Over the summer, we like bird watching," said Glen Hougan, mentioning Hougan-Veenema's mother and grandfather are both "birders," a term used to de-

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The number of different species of birds seen at last year's Great Backyard Bird Count.

scribe a birdwatcher.

The Nova Scotia Nature Trust had a telescope set up on the roof Saturday morning to encourage people to take part in next weekend's 15th annual Great Backyard Bird Count.

Karen McKendry, the conservation co-ordinator at the trust, said the great count is a citizen science

event where people from across North America contribute to an online repertoire of bird sightings.

She said the information is used to understand bird-population levels and distribution.

"That way scientists can get more data and learn about more things than they could ... on their own because they get all this free contributed data from across North America at the exact same time," said McKendry.

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Envy the residents of Eastleigh, Nairobi: despite the global recession, the investments keep flowing in.

They have new shopping malls, and more are under construction. The neighbourhood in Kenya's capital city is nicknamed Little Mogadishu, and many of the investors are pirates.

"Somali pirates are doing huge business hijacking ships, and most of their money is being laundered in Nairobi," explains Ernesto Savona, professor of criminology at Catholic University in Milan. "Little Mogadishu is beautiful, with new cars and build-

ings. With a \$9-million ransom, you could buy a whole modern building in Nairobi."

Only a few years ago, Eastleigh was a poor settlement.

Piracy is booming off the Horn of Africa. In 2010 alone, more than 1,000 seamen were taken hostage. According to the UN, the pirates were paid an average ransom of \$4.85 million, and a new study reports that Somali piracy now costs the world \$7 billion per year.

Just like the Mafia, Somali pirates need to park their fortunes somewhere.

"The most common methods are basic forms of money laundering, such as investing in real estate or front-businesses, sending money to relatives or buy-

ing expensive goods in cash," explains a spokesman for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

Notes Mark Schroeder, Africa director at intelligence firm Stratfor: "They're not as sophisticated as the Mafia. But they're entrepreneurial. They know where to put their money. And by Somali standards, this is the most money you could ever hope to make."

Somalia's GDP per capita is \$600.

The young pirates support the entire Somali economy. According to the UN, 40 per cent of the ransom goes directly to the Somali economy: bribes and creating jobs. The pirates even invest in cattle.

According to a recent report by Chatham House,



► Nairobi's Little Mogadishu is a slum no more. Check out the new cars and the shiny new building in the background.

a think tank, pirates' ransoms have even led to wage increases in Somalia.

Nairobi is a logical place to invest. Kenya neighbours Somalia and has a stable government, as well

as a large number of Somalis, most of whom reside in Eastleigh. Though the majority of these Somalis are law-abiding residents, many — knowingly or not — build businesses with pirate money.

"Somalia couldn't absorb this kind of cash," notes Schroeder. "Nairobi can."

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► A firefighter tries to extinguish a burning cinema in Athens on Sunday. At least 10 buildings were set on fire by rioters during protests against Greece's tough austerity measures.

Athens burns as cuts approved

► Riots and looting engulf central Athens ► Plan will axe one in five civil-service jobs, slash minimum wage

Greek lawmakers on Monday approved harsh new austerity measures demanded by bailout creditors to save the debt-crippled nation from bankruptcy, after rioters in central Athens torched buildings, looted shops and clashed with riot police.

The historic vote paves the way for Greece's European partners and the International Monetary Fund to release \$130 billion US in new rescue loans, without which Greece would default on its debt moun-

tain next month and likely leave the eurozone — a scenario that would further roil global markets.

Sunday's clashes erupted after more than 100,000 protesters marched to the parliament to rally against the drastic cuts.

At least 45 businesses were damaged by fire, including several historic buildings, movie theatres, banks and a cafeteria, in the worst riot damage in Athens in years. Fifty police officers were injured and at least 70 protesters were

hospitalized. Sixty-seven suspected rioters were arrested and a further 70 detained.

As the vote got under way early Monday, Prime Minister Lucas Papademos urged calm, pointing to the country's dire financial straits.

Since May 2010, Greece has survived on a \$110-billion bailout from its European partners. When that proved insufficient, the new rescue package was approved.

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GOVERNMENT

Expenses get very expensive

Stephen Harper's senior bureaucrats have been racking up some hefty airfares at a time of government restraint.

Travel expenses recently posted for the final quarter of 2011 show executives at the Privy Council Office, the prime

minister's own department, paid costly fares last year on some of the most competitive routes to Europe and elsewhere.

The trips included jaunts to conferences and summits in places like London, Paris and Australia, costing taxpayers as much as \$15,000 per trip in some cases.

The Harper government was embroiled in several travel-related controversies in 2011. CTV News reported in September that the

chief of defence staff, Gen. Walter Natynczyk, spent almost \$1.5 million since 2008 flying on government-owned Challenger aircraft, once to a Caribbean holiday.

And late last year, it was revealed Defence Minister Peter MacKay called in a military search-and-rescue chopper to take him from a vacation at a Newfoundland fishing camp to a nearby airport, from which he flew to a government announcement in Ontario.

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U.K. press needs tougher penalty system: Minister

► Britain's The Sun tabloid has seen 9 employees recently arrested for alleged connection to phone-hacking scandal

Britain's government minister responsible for the media said Sunday the country's press must face tougher penalties for breaches of standards in the wake of the tabloid phone-hacking scandal.

Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt also said newspapers must change their system of self-regulation, but insisted the government should not have any role in enforcing standards. The current watchdog, the Press Complaints Commission, is funded by the industry and can demand a newspaper publish an apology, but has no power to issue fines.

Some lawmakers have previously suggested jour-



► Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt.

nalists who breach ethics rules should be prevented from working.

Britain's media ethics inquiry, which has heard evidence from celebrities including J.K. Rowling and Hugh Grant, crime victims, newspaper executives and reporters, is expected to recommend major changes to press regulation when it

issues findings this year.

"I think everyone recognizes we don't want the state regulating content," Hunt told BBC television.

But Hunt said Britain needed "a tougher system, and I would like it to be an industry-led system," but added that "if a newspaper is going to be punished for stepping out of line then it needs to be a credible punishment." The country's broadcasters are regulated by a separate communications industry watchdog.

Hunt's comments follow new developments in the police investigations into alleged wrongdoing by Britain's tabloids.

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Robotic. Spin

► Thu Trinh, left, and Huyen Vu, sales executives with TOSY Robotics, show off the AFO lighted and spinning toy at the American International Toy Fair on Sunday in New York.

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A toy story with the latest trends

The TOSY Robotics show is attended by hundreds of vendors and thousands of buyers, who can view the latest trends in the toy industry.

Another deal for Air Canada

Air Canada has reached a tentative collective agreement with the Canadian Airline Dispatchers Association, representing the airline's 74 flight dispatchers, which assist in the preparation for departures and arrivals at Toronto

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			Gold \$1,725.30 US (- \$15.90 US)

Pearson International Airport.

The airline said Sunday the agreement was subject

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MetroTransit negotiations: it *is* about the money — *your* money

HRM thinks buses should be on the road and ferries should be plying the harbour; we believe members of Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 508 share that view.

What isn't in dispute is the reality that HRM residents expect an efficient transit system, but at what cost? There is a **\$6.7 million difference** between our respective positions, a difference that taxpayers and passengers will eventually have to cover if management is not allowed to introduce a modern scheduling system, known as "rostering."

Under the present system of scheduling, the top 20 overtime earners at Metro Transit last year **made more than \$26,000 in overtime on top of a base salary of \$50,000 per year.**

ATU Proposal

Major Items

- ✓ No changes to contracting out practices
- ✓ No part-time conventional bus operators
- ✗ Cafeteria-pick scheduling system (individual shifts picked by day of the week, according to seniority) *Process takes 24 days to complete.*
- ✗ Wage increases of 8.25% over 3 years (2.5, 3, and 2.75)
- ✗ No wage restructuring for incoming operators

Union Demand: \$8.8 Million



The ATU must be aware that excessive overtime costs like this are contrary to the economic realities of today's workplace, and that the hard-pressed **HRM taxpayers cannot continue to support the cost indefinitely.**

If we accept the ATU proposal, transit users bear the additional cost – and to an even greater extent – so do the taxpayers who already cover more than half of transit's costs, currently \$36 million.

We need a deal the public can afford that gets HRM's transit system moving again and keeps it moving for years to come.

See for yourself where we stand.

HRM Proposal

Major Items

- ✓ No changes to contracting out practices
- ✓ No part-time conventional bus operators
- ✗ Rostering scheduling system (same shift picked in one-week blocks, according to seniority). *Industry standard, reduces excessive overtime, and process takes about 2 days to complete*
- ✗ Lump sum payment equivalent to 2.5% of wages in the first year, a 3% wage increase in the second year, and a 2% wage increase in the third year
- ✗ Wage restructuring for incoming operators with step increases to full operator rate at the end of four years

Our Offer: \$2.1 Million

(including offsets realized through rostering and wage restructuring for incoming employees)

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So let me see if I have this right.

When workers are at their most vulnerable — when, for example, they've decided to join a union and are attempting to negotiate a first contract with a more powerful, perhaps hostile employer — Jamie Baillie is a champion of free collective bargaining. Let the chips fall where they may. So long as they fall the way of Michelin and Sobeys.

On the other hand, when workers have some leverage — when, to pick another example out of the ether, transit workers vote 98.4 per cent to stop driving their buses to put pressure on the employer to negotiate better terms — Baillie thinks collective bargaining is a crock and wants the premier to legislate them back to work. Immediately.

At least the Tory leader is consistent in his inconsistency.

When given the choice, Baillie will inevitably come down on the side of the overdog.

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"When given the choice, Baillie will inevitably come down on the side of the overdog. Baillie doesn't put it that way, of course. 'I'm a believer in collective bargaining,' he declared disingenuously Friday."

Baillie's idea of collective bargaining? The premier should lock both sides in his office, "tell them they've got 12 hours to work out their differences and if they're not able to do so, then he'll settle it himself."

How would Baillie settle it? While he doesn't offer specifics — three guesses on which side he would pick if he were premier — Baillie did say he wants the province to consider declaring transit an essential service so future collective bargaining could be rendered meaningless.

He's a "believer" all right.

I will confess I'm not sure who's right and who's wrong in the current transit strike — or whether the answer to that question can be one or the other.

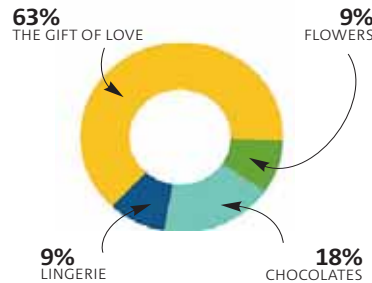
But I do know both sides are under enormous pressure to find a settlement. Union members face the daunting prospect of buying groceries and paying mortgages on meagre strike pay. Management has to know that if the strike drags on it risks a permanent loss of riders to carpooling, biking and walking.

There may come a time when legislation is necessary. But not yet. Let the two sides bargain collectively. Without meddling from "believers" like Baillie.



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What is the best Valentine's Day gift?



Local tweets



► **@sandri-cop:**
I haven't been in a place outside of school and my house in 10 days... I am going crazy!
@metrohalifax no buses cause insanity

► **@cindymacneill:**
I would support #transit-strike #HFX a whole lot more if they were actually trying to fix it! Negotiations should be on-going!

► **@SonjaSymond:**
I bet the cost to take the bus will go up once this is over. I suggest stocking

up on bus tickets!

► **@C_Laforce:**
A front door frozen shut is the universe prodding to remain indoors and go back to bed.
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► **@KellyLegatto:**
Roads in Dartmouth terrible. Halifax not bad. #HRM road clearing #fail. It's not like you didn't know there was going to be ice.

► **@jburke06:**
one time @metrohalifax put my tweet in the news paper and it was bad ass (just thought of this now). I love #Halifax.

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Playing plow-boys and Indians

A villager balances a plow in his mouth during a rural sports festival, also known as Indian Rural Olympics, in Kila Raipur, near Ludhiana, India, on Saturday.

The festival featured major Punjabi rural sports including bullock cart race, tug-of-war and tractor races. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Sports-crazy

► Sikh warriors demonstrated ancient skills, like the man shown at left riding two horses at once.

► Villagers displayed their strength by allowing a tractor carrying three adults to drive over them or by pulling a car with their teeth.

► There were animal events, too, with bulls jumping upended cots and horses dancing to drum beats.

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Box office



Love has triumphed over action at the weekend box office, with a No. 1 debut for the romantic drama *The Vow*. The love story starring Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum took in \$41.7 million. Landing a close second with \$39.3 million was Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds' thriller *Safe House*. Coming in solidly at No. 3 was Dwayne Johnson's *Journey 2: The Mysterious Island* with \$27.6 million.

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For more coverage of last night's Grammy Awards, scan this code or visit metronews.ca/scene

Grammy Awards strike a sombre note

► Whitney Houston's death overshadows big wins by Adele, Kanye West and the Foo Fighters

Adele made her return to the stage and the Foo Fighters piled up the hardware at the 54th Grammy Awards, but the focus was on tributes rather than trophies as a grieving music industry said goodbye to the late Whitney Houston.

Off the top of the show, host L.L. Cool J led the first of many tributes to Houston by announcing that the industry had endured a "death in the family," before leading a prayer to the singer — who died suddenly Saturday night.

"Whitney, we will always love you," he said.

That was followed by a retrospective video devoted to the singer. L.L. Cool J finished his monologue on a high-energy note before multiple nominee Bruno Mars led a frenetic performance of his single *Runaway Baby*.

The Foo Fighters had five trophies by the midpoint of the show while Adele and Kanye West had won four apiece.

"Long live rock 'n' roll!" shouted Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl while producers tried to play him off the stage.

It was a humorous moment in an otherwise muted show.



► Dave Grohl, centre, with fellow Foo Fighters Nate Mendel, left, and Taylor Hawkins, accept their award for best rock performance.

The focus on Houston understandably drew attention away from what was supposed to be Adele's night.

Still, the 23-year-old Brit eventually swept the night, winning six awards, and sang for the first time since undergoing vocal microsurgery in November, delivering a stirring take on Rolling in the Deep.

Toronto native Melanie Fiona was a double winner before dedicating the two trophies she won for her Cee Lo Green collaboration *Fool For You* to Houston with an impassioned speech.

Montreal's Caroline Robert was also a winner, taking best recording package for designing the deluxe re-release of Arcade

Fire's *The Suburbs*.

The rest of the Canadian contingent didn't fare so well.

Toronto rapper Drake and DJ Deadmau5 — from Niagara Falls, Ont. — were each shut out despite three nominations apiece, while Sum 41 and Toronto composer Ryan Shore also missed out on awards.

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Winners

- **Album of the year:** 21, Adele
- **Record of the year:** Rolling in the Deep, Adele
- **Song of the year:** Rolling in the Deep, Adele Adkins & Paul Epworth
- **Best alternative album:** Bon Iver, Bon Iver
- **Best rock Album:** Wasting Light, Foo Fighters
- **Best rock song:** Walk, Foo Fighters
- **Best R&B album:** F.A.M.E., Chris Brown
- **Best R&B song:** Fool For You, Cee Lo Green, Melanie Hallim & Jack Splash
- **Best rap album:** My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy, Kanye West
- **Best rap song:** All of the Lights, Kanye West
- **Best country song:** Mean, Taylor Swift
- **Best traditional R&B performance:** Fool For You, Cee Lo Green & Melanie Fiona



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Celebrity Twitter reaction



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Mariah Carey



Simon Cowell

I am so sad to hear about Whitney. We have lost one of the greatest singers of all time.

Christina Aguilera



We have lost another legend.



Wyclef Jean

This is the saddest thing I've ever had to write in my life, R I P to one of the greatest humans that I have ever known Whitney Houston

Queen Latifah

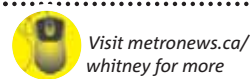


Oh Dear Lord! Hurting so Bad!!!! MY Sister Whitney!!!!!! Newark please Pray!!! World Please Pray!

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Whitney Houston — music icon, best-selling artist, winner of six Grammy awards, movie star and admitted drug addict — died Feb. 11 at age 48, a spokesman said.

She was found unresponsive at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, hours before she was to attend a Grammy party hosted by music producer Clive Davis.

Born in Newark, N.J., into a musical family, Houston was the daughter of Cissy Houston, a gospel singer, and cousin of Dionne Warwick (with Aretha Franklin as her godmother). In the 1980s, she started performing with her mom in New York City nightclubs, where she was spotted by Davis, who produced her



► Whitney Houston was 48 years old at the time of her death.

debut, Whitney Houston, in 1985. How Will I Know, Saving All My Love, The Greatest Love of All: The songs became the soundtrack to the 1980s, selling millions. Her follow-ups also went No. 1, with the 1992 soundtrack to her film The Bodyguard topping the U.S. charts for

TIMELINE

A look at the ups and downs of Whitney Houston's life.

Highs

The charts

► Houston ruled them in the 1980s and early '90s. She was the first artist ever to score seven consecutive No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hits, which included Saving All My Love for You, How Will I Know, Greatest Love of All, I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who

Loves Me) and more.

The movies

► Although not critically acclaimed, her film work was respected and popular with fans, with The Bodyguard earning \$410 million worldwide.

Lows

The marriage

► The pairing raised eyebrows: the church-going Houston and the hard-edged R&B singer Bobby Brown. He was repeatedly

arrested. She lost her good-girl image.

The drugs

► Houston was open about her addictions. And the toll they took on her voice was evident in her final albums.

The end

► After appearing on a reality show about her husband, Houston is now remembered as a "former" icon-turned-mess. But her legacy remains. Her fans will always love her.

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Stats for singles

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The average age people marry — it's later every year.
SOURCE: PEW STUDY



Lollipops, glow sticks help to ensure your Valentines won't fall flat.

Quiz: Why am I single?

► Why are you alone? ► Take this little test to find out the real answer



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1. An attractive lady or fellow smiles at you on the subway.
You:

- A** Look away
- B** Sorry, what did you say? My head's buried in a book on ancient bee-keeping.
- C** Deepen your scowl
- D** Are too busy eyeballing someone else

2. When you go to a party, you:

- A** Spend the whole time sneaking away to play Words with Friends
- B** Spend the whole time thinking about the reality



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TV marathon you'd rather be watching
C Tell everyone who will listen the awful story about the time your ex slept with your friend
D I don't really go to parties. Too busy "makin' it rain" at the strip club

3. It's summertime. You're in the park and a cutie's frisbee is tossed your way. You:

- A** Quickly throw it back without a smile
- B** Don't notice because it didn't hit the bee hotel you're building
- C** Take out your laptop



► I love weddings!

D Compliment him/her on his/her slammin' bod

4. Describe your weekend:

- A** These nails aren't gonna paint themselves
- B** Visiting an out-of-town store devoted entirely to antique Judaica
- C** People are so insufferable, why would I want to make plans with them?
- D** Going to dinner with your married friends

5. It's time for your annual company retreat. Your co-workers:

- A** Don't notice you're not there; you always skip out on office events
- B** Avoid you like the plague; all you ever talk about is bears, beets and The Wire
- C** Are other disgruntled office drones; misery loves company!
- D** Have all already had sex with you, so you have to hit on the waiters at the end-of-weekend party

6. Which song do you identify with the most?

- A** I Am A Rock by Simon and Garfunkel
- B** The song of the humpback whale. Real "music" doesn't do it
- C** Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now by The Smiths
- D** Where Them Girls At by David Guetta

7. How many relationships have you had?

- A** None. I just can't seem to meet or click with people
- B** One, but we broke up soon after because she or he thought I spend too much time online
- C** A few. And boy, was that last one a doozey
- D** Relationships are for suckers

8. How do you feel about attending weddings?

- A** I go only when forced to — if it's that of a close family member or friend
- B** Love 'em! A new audience I can impress with my killer humpback whale calls
- C** They're a great chance to place bets on when the couple will divorce
- D** Um, have you seen Wedding Crashers?

9. What's your favourite way to unwind after a long day at work?

- A** Drinks with a few friends at our usual haunt
- B** Re-organizing my antique Judaica collection
- C** On the couch, downing half-a-bottle of red wine and listening to Adele
- D** Hitting up a couples' cooking class by myself

10. Do you exercise?

You're single because...

► **Mostly A's:** You don't put yourself out there enough. We know you're a catch but you don't give anyone else the chance to get to know you. Perhaps you're shy, sticking to your comfort zone, a loner or all three. Diversify your social activities, take more risks and put yourself in situations where you can meet new people.

► **Mostly B's:** Your interests are too narrow. It's time for a reality check: Those fascinating things are only fascinating to you. Try developing new skills and hobbies that will allow you to connect with a wider group of people, and don't let your all-consuming love of miniature accordions alienate others.

► **Mostly C's:** You're bitter. Whoa. Putting aside the fact that you may need therapy, it's clear that you've given up on love. Tone it down. Fake a smile. Take an inspirational seminar. And yeah, definitely start therapy.

► **Mostly D's:** You're not looking for a relationship. We're pretty sure you didn't even need to take this quiz — you know why you're single and we're jealous. Good for you! (Use protection.)

A Sure, love running and hiking solo
B Not really. Usually spend all my free time holed up in a movie theatre.
C What's the point of looking good? Nobody's looking at me anyway
D Duh. The gym is the best place to troll for this week-end's hotness

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Your best bet is to stick with sweet white miso. Its mellow savoury-sweet flavour is versatile and pleasant.

Preparation:

- 1 In pot of boiling, salted water, cook pasta for

about 8 mins. or until tender but firm. Reserve 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the cooking water, then drain and set aside.

- 2 Meanwhile, in a large, deep skillet over medium, heat oil. Cook mushrooms for about 6 minutes or until well browned.

- 3 Move skillet off heat. In a small bowl, mix together creme fraiche and miso. Stir in creme fraiche mixture, Parmesan, cheddar, garlic powder and hot sauce into mushrooms.

Miso Mac and Cheese



► This recipe makes six servings.

- 4 Once cheese has melted, add drained pasta. Stir in enough of the reserved

pasta cooking water to moisten, until pasta is coated. Season with salt and pepper if desired.

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Ingredients:

- 500 g (1 lb) elbow pasta
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 ml (2 cups) thinly sliced shiitake mushrooms

- 250 g (8 oz) creme fraiche
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) sweet white miso paste
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) shredded cheddar cheese

- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
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After his family moved to Canada, Gordon got in to broadcasting and he realized that the black and Caribbean communities were not being served on the radio in Toronto.



► Fitzroy Gordon in the control room on the morning of his radio station launch.

I thought, "I'm going to step up and make it happen."

In 1998, Gordon assembled a team and began a 13-year odyssey to secure a spot on the dial for his radio station.

He had no idea the emotional toll it would

take on his life as he lost everything, including relationships, his house and car.

Gordon battled on and finally after a trip to Parliament Hill and an intervention from the Prime Minister, Fitzroy put G98.7 FM on the air in Toronto

in November of 2011.

Now he plans to build a radio network across Canada.

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FITZROY GORDON

Song of success

Fitzroy Gordon's advice for the aspiring entrepreneur:

- Dreams never die, only the dreamer.
- The more difficulties you have the more determined you must become.
- Nothing comes easy. Perseverance brings inspiration.
- Have faith in your dream.

HOW TO COMPOST WHEN YOU CAN'T

What's worse for a septic system – using my garburator or trashing my food scraps? (We can't compost due to animals)

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The garburator and the landfill are equally bad ideas for your organics.

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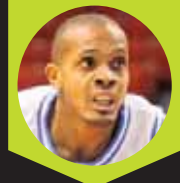
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4 sports

Up and down

Jay Triano

The former Toronto Raptors head coach has been named honorary chair for the Final 8 Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's basketball championship. The event runs from March 9 to 11 at the Metro Centre. **METRO**



Lawrence Wright

A 29-point effort from the Rainmen's leading scorer wasn't enough Friday in a 131-127 overtime loss to the host Oshawa Power. Despite the loss, Halifax have clinched a playoff spot. **METRO**

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Murphy tops Dacey to win Tankard

Jamie Murphy can now call himself a Nova Scotia men's curling champion.

The 30-year-old CFB Halifax skip and his team of third Jordan Pinder, second Mike Bardsley and lead Donald McDermaid won the Molson Tankard on Sunday at the Bridgewater Curling Club, defeating Mayflower's Mark Dacey 7-5 in the final.

Murphy, who has been

with Pinder and McDermaid for four years and added Bardsley this season, has never finished higher than third at the Tankard since moving to Halifax from Saint John, N.B., seven years ago.

"The feeling is just surreal," said Murphy, a former New Brunswick junior champion. "I can't even put it into words. It's been a lot of hard work and I'm

"We stuck to our game plan, and we executed it perfectly."

CFB HALIFAX SKIP AND MOLSON TANKARD WINNER JAMIE MURPHY

really happy with it. It's paid off."

Murphy had Dacey's number all week, beating the five-time provincial champion and 2004 Brier

winner three times by a combined score of 21-12, including 5-3 in Saturday's 1-2 Page playoff game.

Dacey, with third Tom Sullivan, second Andrew Gibson and lead Travis Colter, fell into a 5-0 hole in the second end on Sunday and couldn't battle back.

"We got that early lead and we were able to hold him off," Murphy said,

barely audible after a week of barking orders on the ice.

"The competition was great all week. Eight really good teams. Everybody competed and it was just a fantastic event."

Murphy heads to the Tim Hortons Brier from March 3 to 11 in Saskatoon.

"At this point, I can't really believe it," Murphy said. **MATTHEW WUEST**

Herd deem trip a success

► Tigres, Mooseheads trade third-period goals, Grenier scores shootout winner ► Herd sit 8th overall at 30-18-6



MATTHEW WUEST
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The Halifax Mooseheads didn't just survive a difficult road trip to Quebec — they're coming home playing their best hockey of the new year.

The Mooseheads edged the fourth-place Victoriaville Tigres 2-1 in a shootout on Sunday afternoon to wrap up a four-games-in-five-days trip with a 2-1-1 record and five of a possible eight points.

They entered the tough stretch with a 4-6-1 record in 2012.

"It was a successful (road trip) not only in points but in the way we played," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme. "It was four games where we were con-

sistent and guys were committed. That's the way we want to be playing."

The Mooseheads also beat the seventh-place Chicoutimi Saguenéens 4-1 on Friday and were within a goal of the second-place Shawinigan Cataractes on Saturday before the Memorial Cup host buried two empty-netters for a 5-2 victory.

They came within one shot of another win in last Wednesday's 2-1 shootout setback to the Baie-Comeau Drakkar.

Sunday's win snapped a streak of six straight losses in games that went to extra time, with Alexandre Grenier netting the winner and Nathan MacKinnon and Martin Frk helping Halifax go three for four.

"We practised that after we lost in Baie-Comeau,"

Ducharme said. "Scoring three goals out of four in the shootout, we won't lose many if we're efficient like that."

Andrew Ryan scored Halifax's lone goal in regulation.

Rookie goalie Zach Fucale started all four games and allowed just six goals while stopping 137 of 143 shots, earning two first-star selections along with a second-star nod.

"He's consistent, he's focused and every shot seems to be an easy save," Ducharme said. "He's always in good position. He's not wasting energy in the net. He's smooth and confident and it's nice to see."

Top-pairing defenceman Sawyer Hannay (upper body) missed all three weekend games as did forward Brad Cuzner (illness).



► Mooseheads rookie goaltender Zach Fucale made 32 saves on Sunday and was named the first star for the second time in three nights.

Huskies earn another bye through Round 1

The Saint Mary's Huskies are getting a week off after earning a first-round bye for the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey playoffs.

The Huskies finished the season with a 2-0 win over the visiting Acadia Axemen on Saturday to finish second overall with an 18-7-3 record, four points behind the first-

4 Number of first-round byes Saint Mary's has earned with top-two AUS finishes over the past five years.

place UNB Varsity Reds (20-5-3).

The best-of-three quarter-finals feature the third-place Moncton Aigles Bleus against the sixth-

place St. Francis Xavier X-Men and the fourth-place UPEI Panthers against the fifth-place Axemen.

The Dalhousie Tigers (7-18-3) finished seven points behind the X-Men for the final AUS playoff spot.

The first round begins Thursday and wraps up Monday, with the best-of-five semifinals to follow.

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Sports in brief



Colley lights up Sea-Hawks

AUS BASKETBALL. Third-year Saint Mary's Huskies point guard Justine Col-

ley shredded the Memorial Sea-Hawks for 40 points along with seven rebounds and six steals in a 70-59 win on Sunday at The Tower. The Huskies (11-6) are tied for second in Atlantic University Sport women's basketball with the Cape Breton Capers.

In men's play, Harry Ezenibe had 20 points, six rebounds and five blocks and Brian Rouse added 15 points and 11 assists as the sixth-place Huskies (8-9) blew out the Sea-Hawks 90-61.

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‘Firecracker’ Jones joins Arsenault rink

► ‘Ultimate motivator’ is to qualify for Olympics, says Arsenault ► Jones offers to be second or third on rink

After six years apart, one of the most successful teams in Canadian women’s curling history is getting back together — with a twist.

Colleen Jones and Kim Kelly will join forces with skip Mary Anne Arsenault to form a powerful Nova Scotia team looking to qualify for the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

From 1999 to 2004, the team skipped by Jones with Kelly as third, Arsenault as second and Nancy Delahunt as lead, won five Canadian championships — including four in a row — and two world championships.

But the Mayflower Curling Club foursome never represented Canada at an Olympic Games, missing out in 2002 and 2006.

“Really, that is the ultimate motivator; that’s the one thing we haven’t put on our resume,” Arsenault said.

The team broke up after the 2006 season, but Jones



► Mary Anne Arsenault

offered her services to Arsenault last week, prompting a team meeting.

“I was sick of losing and figured that we needed a bit of a firecracker,” Arsenault said. “Then Colleen walked into the picture.”

Arsenault met with Jones Sunday afternoon, and the reunion was on. Jones has offered to be the second or third, with her and Kelly yet to settle what roles they will play. Current Mayflower lead Jenn Baxter will stay on, while third Stephanie McVicar is mulling an invite to remain

as a spare and Delahunt has offered to join the team as a coach or manager.

“Mary Anne is the skip and she’s driving the bus,” Jones said. “Mary Anne is such a strong thrower and she definitely has the ability to be one of the best skips out there.”

Jones has wanted to play with Arsenault for a while and both are aware of the chemistry they have.

“We’ve never lost when we’ve curled together,” Jones said. “We’re probably yin and yang to each other. I think we complement each other in a nice way, I think we can bring out the best in each other.”

She sees her role on the team as providing support and the benefit of experience.

After a brief absence, Jones returned to competitive curling and won this year’s Nova Scotia senior women’s curling championship with Delahunt.

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Clutch. Laker



► Raptors guard Jose Calderon, left, battles for the ball with Lakers guard Kobe Bryant in Toronto on Sunday.

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Raptors close, but Kobe closes

Kobe Bryant didn’t need a huge game to dismantle the Toronto Raptors, just one good look with a few seconds left on the clock. The Lakers superstar drained a long fadeaway jumper from the baseline with 4.2 seconds to play Sunday to lift Los Angeles to a 94-92 victory over the Raptors. The Lakers’ win spoiled an excellent afternoon for Jose Calderon, who scored a career-high 30 points for Toronto.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS

Canada falls with Raonic out

Canada failed to advance to the Davis Cup quarter-finals in Vancouver Sunday as France’s Jo-Wilfried Tsonga beat surprise sub-

stitute Frank Dancevic in straight sets.

Tsonga, the world’s sixth-ranked player, prevailed 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, over the 178th-ranked Niagara Falls, Ont., native, who was a replacement for Canada’s injured top singles player Milos Raonic.

The win gave France an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the best-of-five competition with one match to

play. France will take on the U.S. in the World Group quarter-finals in April. Canada must play a World Group playoff tie in September to try to retain its spot in the elite 16-team group for 2013.

Dancevic, 31, got the call to play his first match of the weekend after Raonic pulled out with a knee injury.

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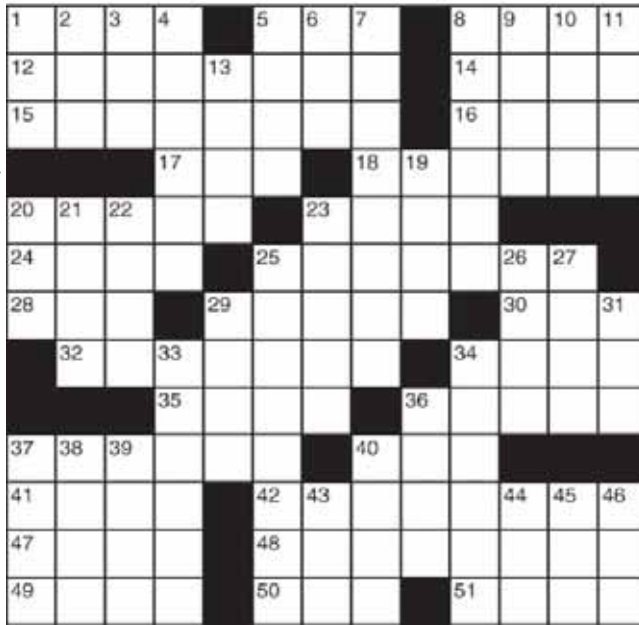
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Across

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5 Corn spike
8 React in horror
12 Handel's "Messiah," e.g.
14 Aware of
15 Algonquian leader
16 Individuals
17 "Of course"
18 Cancel out
20 Poe's bird
23 "Beetle Bailey" dog
24 On in years
25 Luzon language
28 Neither mate
29 Commandments bearer
30 Sheep's comment
32 First person to orbit the Earth
34 Gear teeth
35 Hits head-on
36 Cause, as havoc
37 Government in power
40 Cry of discovery
41 "American —"
42 "Madame Butterfly" setting
47 Lass
48 Shook in fear
49 Eyelid woe
50 Witness
51 Longings

Down

- 1 "Mayday!"
2 Historic period
3 Joker
4 Remained
5 Cupid's alias
6 Melody
7 X-ray discoverer
8 Giant number
9 "— Karenina"
10 Undo a dele
11 Sit for a picture
13 Portent
19 Greek vowels
20 Skedaddling
21 Awestruck
22 Miles of Hollywood
23 Refuge
25 Persecutes
26 Reed instrument
27 Pop singer Lady —
29 Sir's partner
31 Request
33 Ornamental grat-



- ing on a car
34 "White Christmas" crooner
36 "Kapow!"
37 Fixes illicitly
38 Rewrite, maybe
39 Bloodcurdling
40 Curved molding
43 Exist
44 Brewery product
45 Barbie's companion
46 Egos' counterparts

► Yesterday's answer



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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Don't make promises that you may not be able to deliver on.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

If a friend asks you to get involved with some kind of cause you should study it closely before agreeing to contribute your time and money.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will be in the right place at the right time today and you must take advantage of it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

If you let others know that you require their assistance today you will get all the help you need, and more.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

It's possible that you will make some kind of mistake today, but don't stop to work out where you went wrong.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Yes, some people can be a pain, but you won't change them, so don't try.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

If you've got something to say then say it and don't worry that certain people's egos may get bruised as a

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Let other people take care of the chores today.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

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♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

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♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

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